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Daley departs Duxbury

DPW head
going to Newton

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Department of Public Works Director Tom Daley has accepted a position as DPW commissioner in Newton, Town Manager Richard MacDonald said Thursday.

MacDonald said Daley kept him informed that he was interviewing for a position in Newton the entire time. On Thursday morning, MacDonald said Daley informed him he had accepted the position.

"He will be missed," MacDonald said. "He has been a good employee, and a good DPW director. I wish him the best, he is a great employee."

MacDonald said he would be leaving

sometime in mid-February. Until that time he will be discussing the options needed for Duxbury to move forward, the possibility of hiring an interim director, and beginning the hiring process to fill the position.

Daley, who gave a presentation on the DPW budget at this week's Selectmen's meeting, will also be returning for Town Meeting to answer any budget questions and explain anything that causes confusion, MacDonald said.

Daley eased the burden on the town by creatively balancing his operating budget without needing any increases. The only increases seen in the DPW budget came in the form of contractual salary increases, increases in the cost of electricity, and several increases within the water department because of large projects, most of which he was able to offset with savings in other areas.

The implementation of the new CD

program last year helped reduce transfer station costs by \$57,000. Increased recycling methods have dropped the SEMASS volumes by \$24,000. Other savings came in the form of retirements, the Tarkiln Building being out of service, and using town employees in areas when possible to reduce outsourcing bills.

Daley said the highest increases seen came from the increased cost of electricity, which jumped from 4 cents per kilowatt to 12 cents per kilowatt. Street light costs increased by 8.33 percent from \$36,000 to \$39,000. Electricity was the cause of most increases across the board, a \$12,000 increase at transfer station, a \$34,000 increase at Town Hall, and a \$90,000 increase in the water department, all due to the rising cost of electricity.

Daley became DPW director in of July 2001.